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CARTER DEFENDED THE CIA and stressed the need for secrecy.

The President told a news conference that a review he is making of intelligence activities hasn't turned up anything illegal or improper in "ongoing" operations. He refused to comment specifically on reports of CIA payments to Jordan's King Hussein and others, except to say that some unspecified reports have been erroneous. Carter then decried disclosures of U.S. intelligence work, complaining that they make it hard for the U.S. to gain the cooperation of other countries in strengthening U.S. defenses.

Carter promised that his nominee to head the CIA, Adm. Stansfield Turner, will make sure that everything the agency does is not only legal but "compatible with the attitudes of the American people." Turner won Senate committee approval yesterday.